

NSC BRIEFING

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BACKGROUND
23 DEC MEETING OF SUPREME SOVIET

- I. Supreme Soviet will convene on 23 Dec--
second occasion in history there have been
three meetings in same year (last time was
'39, when first session routine, second
dealt with Nazi-Soviet Pact, third concerned
dismemberment Poland).
 - A. Already announced that 23 Dec session
will deal with '56 budget.
 - B. In addition, we expect travelling
salesmen (Bulganin & Khrushchev) to
report on South Asia trek: in this con-
nection, may announce Soviet economic
program for underdeveloped areas.
 - C. Also possible that leadership changes
could be announced. However, if any
Presidium members are in trouble (maybe
Molotov?), matter would more logically
be delayed until mid-Feb '56 Party
Congress.